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SUBJ: CUBANA ROUTES TO MONTREAL

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1. DAN WEEDRICK, DEPUTY TO SLIVITZKY, CALLED TCO MORNING FEBRUARY 26 TO ADVISE THAT AIR CANADA'S AIRWAYS ENGINEERING DIVISION HAS TOLD HIM THERE IS SOMETHING WRONG WITH THE CZECH ROUTING PROVIDED IN REF (B). UNDER US REGULATIONS REPEAT US REGULATIONS, HE HAS BEEN INFORMED NO AIRCRAFT CAN TAKEOFF FROM MONTREAL IN THE DIRECTION OF MASSENA AS THIS WOULD INVOLVE CROSSING THE FLIGHT PATH FROM TORONTO TO MONTREAL WHICH IS VIA MASSENA. A SIMILAR PROBLEM EXISTS WITH FLIGHT PATHS AT ORLANDO, FLORIDA BUT HE DID NOT KNOW THE SPECIFIC DETAILS.

2. WEEDRICK CORRECTED THE INFORMATION GIVEN BY SLIVITZKY YESTERDAY WITH RESPECT TO THE CHARTER ROUTE FROM MONTREAL TO HAVANA WHICH AIR CANADA INTENDS TO USE AND RECOMMEND TO CUBANA FOR MONTREAL-HAVANA SERVICE. AIR CANADA'S PREFERRED ROUTE HAS BEEN:

V288/J29 TO SYRACUSE

J59 TO POUGHKEEPSIE

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J59 TO FRONT ROYAL

J107 TO WILMINGTON
AR1 TO BISCAYNE BAY TO MARATHON TO HAVANA

THE ALTERNATE ROUTE IS:

V282/J570/J37 TO ALBANY TO JFK
J79 TO WILMINGTON
THEN TO HAVANA FOLLOWING PREFERRED ROUTE.

3. WEEDRICK FURTHER INDICATED THAT THERE IS A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE US AND CANADA (HE COULD NOT IDENTIFY IT MORE PRECISELY AND EMBASSY IS UNAWARE OF IT) WHEREBY AIRLINES OF EITHER COUNTRY CAN VARY THEIR ROUTES WITH RESPECT TO FLIGHTS OVER THE AIRSPACE OF THE OTHER.

4. IN BRIEF DISCUSSION OF CUBANA FLIGHT WHICH VIOLATED US AIRSPACE FEBRUARY 25, WEEKRICK SAID THIS WAS A FERRY FLIGHT CARRYING CUBANA PILOTS TO PICK UP SECOND DC-8. AIR CANADA CAPTAIN WAS IN COMMAND OF FLIGHT AND HE FILED FLIGHT PLAN ON ROUTINE BASIS WITHOUT UNDUE EMPHASIS ON FACT THAT IT WAS CUBANA FLIGHT. INSTRUCTIONS ARE NOW BEING ISSUED TO AIR CANADA PILOTS SHOULD THEY BE IN SUCH A CIRCUMSTANCE AGAIN, TO EMPHASIZE THAT FLIGHT PLAN IS FOR A CUBANA FLIGHT. AIRCRAFT IN QUESTION IS PRESENTLY IN MONTREAL. NO INFORMATION AVAILABLE RESPECTING CUBANA INTENTIONS TO RETURN IT AND BRING SECOND DC-8 FROM MONTREAL TO CUBA.
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